GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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Sale of Bitumen
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that domestically produced bitumen is being sold and exported to neighbouring countries by ignoring heavy domestic demand;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with exports of bitumen during the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
(c) the details of bitumen production from all refineries across the country along with sale of bitumen in the country during the said period, company-wise; and
(d) whether the Government is importing/proposes to allow the import of bitumen in the country and if so, the details thereof along with names of countries from which the bitumen has been imported during the said period, country-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) & (b): The details of export of domestically produced bitumen from refineries during the last three years and current year are given in Annexure-I. The export in last 3 years is less than 2% of the bitumen production in the country. As per the extant Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 and ITC (HS), 2012 Schedule 2-Export Policy, policy condition for bitumen export is "free" (Chapter 27) without any restriction.
(c): The details of bitumen production from refineries across the country along with its consumption during the last three years and current year are given in Annexure-II
(d): As per the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 and ITC (HS), 2012 Schedule 1-Import Policy, policy condition under ITC(HS) code 27132000 for bitumen import is "free" (Chapter 27) without any restriction. The details of country-wise import of bitumen during the last three years and current year are given in Annexure-III.
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